

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-269

SUPPORT A POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION AND RETURN OF SKELETAL REMAINS
AND GRAVE GOODS BURIED OR BEING HELD BY MUSEUMS

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, many member tribes have had skeletal remains and grave goods removed from land within their aboriginal territory; and

WHEREAS, USET supports a policy which would provide for the protection of buried skeletal remains and grave goods; and

WHEREAS, USET further supports a policy which would provide for the return of skeletal remains and grave goods now being held by private and public museums,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1) USET supports the introduction of federal legislation which would provide protection for buried skeletal remains and grave goods, and (2) USET supports the introduction of federal legislation which would require that private and public museums be required to return all skeletal remains and grave goods now in their possession to the deceased's tribe of origin; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USET staff is directed to work closely with the Native American Rights Fund and other national Indian organizations to secure introduction and passage of the legislation described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT USET staff is directed to report on work done to secure passage of the said legislation.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Houston, Texas; November 15, 1989.


Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.